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ECCC Hall of Fame Honorees

East Central Community College recently announced inductees to the 2012 Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. They included (seated, from left) Raychal Reed of Louisville, Bailee Viverette of Union and Alyse Webb of Noxapater; and (standing, from left) Tyler Yates of Decatur, Dustin Cullen of Carthage and Matthew Dempsey of Louisville. The honorees were announced during Awards Day activities held May 3, 2012 in Huff Auditorium. Their photos will hang in the Hall of Fame Collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

Dr. Billy Stewart Named College's 8th President

Dr. Billy W. Stewart, Vice President for Administration and Finance at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, was unanimously selected ECCC's eighth president at the Board of Trustees meeting in March.

Dr. Stewart, MGCCC's Administrator of the Year for 2011-12, said he looks forward to taking East Central Community College to even greater levels of excellence. He begins his new duties on July 1, 2012.

"I am excited about working with the ECCC family and building upon the foundation as set forth by Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dr. Eddie M. Smith and the other former presidents," Dr. Stewart said.

Dr. Stewart, 43, succeeds Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who earlier announced plans to retire on June 30, 2012, following 12 years of service leading the two-year institution.

Prior to joining the MGCCC staff, Dr. Stewart served as Dean of Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Simpson County Center in Mendenhall and earlier served as Dean of Community Services at Co-Lin in Wesson.

Dr. Stewart's education experience also includes the secondary education level. He served as assistant principal at Pearl High School and began his employment at the school as a social studies instructor.

Prior to joining the PHS staff, Dr. Stewart served as Alumni Field Representative for the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Dr. Stewart is a graduate of USM, where he received a bachelor's degree in history/teacher education in 1990 and earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction/history in 1993. He was selected Mr. University of Southern Mississippi and is a member of the USM Hall of Fame.

He completed a doctorate in school administration with emphasis in Higher Education/ Community College Administration from Mississippi State University in Starkville in 1997.

Dr. Stewart and his wife, Stephanie, have four school-age children - Stephen, Will, Elizabeth and Emily.

Dr. Billy Stewart

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'Notes' from the Wall O' Sound Band

by Thomas W. Carson, Director of Bands

Swamp People, Ax Men, Pawn Stars, Top Shot, Top Gear. What do these TV shows have in common with the Wall O' Sound band? Nothing.....they are all just cool shows!!!

Now, back to the important stuff: ECCC Band news! Most of you have returned your scholarships. Tryouts for Drum Major, Color Guard, Drumline and Centralettes have taken place and we are ready to move ahead with the mega marching machine, known as the Wall O' Sound Band!

As I wrap up the final weeks of my 30th year as Director of Bands, this will also be my final band article as I am retiring. Most area seniors know I am engaged in the biggest "Halftime Show" of my life; since August 18, this year's show theme has been "the Alien War" as I continue to wage a fierce battle with esophageal cancer. It is time to step down, and focus all my efforts into this war I know I will win!!!!

As you plan your summer vacations and begin to earn your millions with various summer jobs, my assistant Ed Girling, together with the new Director of Bands, Hunter Corhern, will be busy all summer preparing for the onslaught of the best band students in the world: The 2012 Wall O' Sound!!! The band hall will be a flurry of activity as the two directors and my student workers Tyler Yates and Chandler Smith, will ready "all things band" in great anticipation and excitement for the most important opening event on EC's campus: Band Camp!

After presenting an "out of this world" SPACE show in the fall, the excitement mounts as we wait to find out what Hunter Corhern will present as the theme for the 2012 marching show!!! I look forward to seeing my beloved Wall O' Sound under new leadership and attending the home games as a spectator.....after 34 years pacing the sideline during shows, this new experience for me will be really different.

While I fought my war, Mr. Girling and all of our band groups stayed very busy this spring with various concerts, trips and band-related activities. The Concert Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble did a super job for their March spring band concert, as the Centralettes, under the direction of Nichol Hillman, tore up the basketball courts with their high-energy dances.

ECCC's in-house rock band, The Collegians, concluded an abbreviated spring schedule (due to my medical leave) preparing for our Spring Concert that featured a Collegians Alumni band, as well many former Collegians who joined us on stage for my final traditional closer, "Old Time Rock and Roll." Many prospective students have asked me about the future of The Collegians as I am retiring. I assure everyone, The Collegians will return stronger than ever this fall; just take my word for it.

Our traditional final "Fairwell" concert for the 2011-12 members will be our concert at the Neshoba County Fair on Monday, July 30. Show times is 1 p.m. at Founder's Square.

As I retire June 30, I have nothing but wonderful, cherished memories of my time here. I have many children of former students as band members so it is very rewarding and humbling to have two generations of students in my band program. This band program has been my "baby" and I have really been blessed to see it develop and become a very impressive program. I owe its success to my awesome band students as they are the parts of the machine that work together. I just cranked the key and watched it run; I will miss the interaction with the students.

If you are a band horn line senior and have not signed your scholarship, it is not too late to do so. All members receive a minimum of full tuition scholarships, so take advantage of this financial help, using your talents to help you pay for your college education.

You may contact me (until June 30) at tcarson@eccc.edu, or my assistant Mr. Girling at egirling@eccc.edu or call the band office at 877-462-3222 or locally at 601-635-6228.

Thanks to all my band students, past and present; it has been an awesome ride.

Important Band Dates!

August

1-4 Ac'cents camp

5-11 Wall O' Sound Band Camp

27-28 Collegians Tryouts

November

29 Ac'cents Fall Concert

December

4 Fall Choir Concert

Accreditation

East Central Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Associate Degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of East Central Community College.

Non-Discrimination

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Community College vs. University

by Nicole Bounds, ECCC SBA President 2011-12

When graduating high school, deciding on a college is a difficult decision for most seniors. Before many decide exactly what college, they usually try to make the decision between going straight to a university or to a community college first.

When I was in high school I wanted to immediately go to Ole Miss after I graduated. Then senior year, I began taking a few classes at East Central. I fell in love with the college and the people. I then decided that I would first come to East Central before going to Ole Miss. I still to this day think that that was the best decision I could have made.

Nicole Bounds

Being from Newton County, many people from my high school always said they never wanted to come to EC because they would be with the same people we graduated with. Other people don't want to attend a community college because they feel like there is never anything to do. When you get to a community college like EC, you see that that is not actually the case.

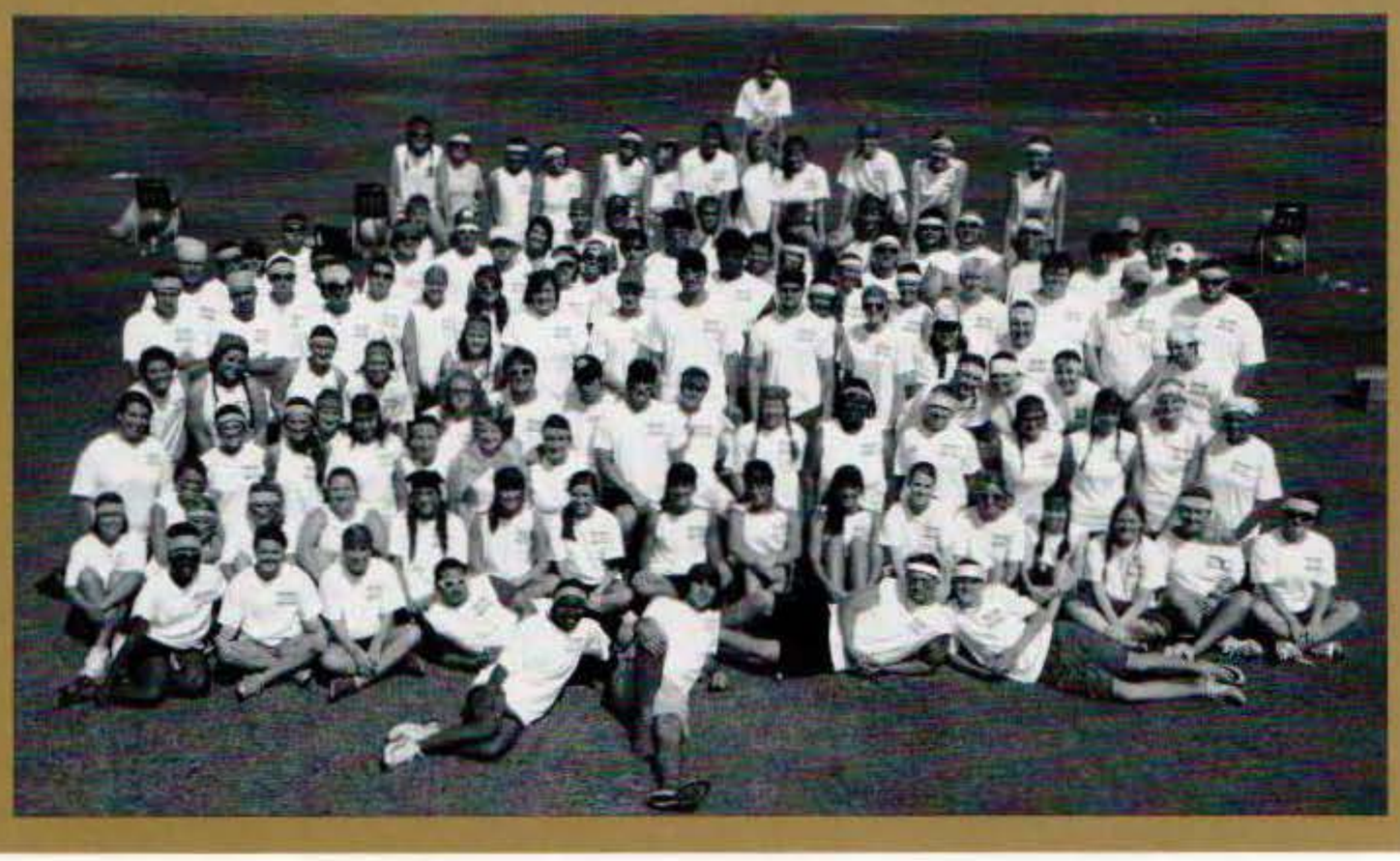
Going to a community college first helps you get better prepared for a university. You learn on a college level but you are in a much smaller and friendlier environment that makes the whole college experience a lot easier. At a community college your teacher knows you by name, not a number. Also, attending a community college gives you a chance to make great friendships. Some of the greatest people I have met have been because of East Central. Meeting these people gives you lifelong friendships, and the people you meet could very well be going to the same university as you later, making the university experience better. Some of the people you meet at a community college could even end up being your roommates at a university.

Community colleges also give you more of a chance to get involved. At East Central, I am involved in many clubs and organizations and am even the president of the student body. I would have never even thought about running for president at a big university, and I probably would not be nearly as involved. There are fewer people at a community college so more opportunities for each individual, including sports, clubs, offices, and things like homecoming court.

Another huge advantage of community colleges is that the college may help you decide on a major before going to a university. Many people still have not decided what they want to do in life when they graduate. Attending a small college where you can get more one on one help makes this huge decision much easier. Community colleges just simply help you grow as an individual, giving you the opportunity to meet new people, get involved, and learn in an easier learning environment.

Spring Spree Participants!

More than 100 students participated in the annual Spring Spree Games held Thursday, April 26, 2012. The event is held each spring and features various relay games in which teams compete. As a part of Spring Spree activities, a volley-ball tournament, crawfish boil, scavenger hunt and various other activities are held throughout the week. Marcie Pinson, Director of Housing/Student Activities serves as event organizer.



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Reed, Cullen Selected to All-MS Academic Teams

Raychal Reed

Dustin Cullen

East Central Community College sophomores Raychal Reed of Louisville and Dustin Cullen of Carthage were recently named on the 2012 All-Mississippi Academic Teams.

The annual program recognizes scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two-year colleges and is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board.

This year's 54 honorees were recognized Wednesday, March 7 at the State Capitol by the Mississippi Legislature and were guests of honor at a luncheon held at the Jackson Convention Center. State Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton served as master of ceremonies.

Reed is among 15 students selected on the All-Mississippi First Team and will receive a $1,000 stipend to continue her education. Cullen was named to the 2012 All-Mississippi Academic Second Team

As a First Team member, Reed will also compete for placement on the All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

ECCC Ac'cents Selected for 2012-13

Members of the East Central Community College show choir, The Ac'cents, were recently announced for the 2012-13 term.

Director Vicki Blaylock said, "There were more than 40 candidates who auditioned for a spot in the Ac'cents show choir. There were so many talented people audition and that really makes my job hard!"

Those selected and their respective high schools include Alex Weir, Leake Academy; Claire Griffin, Jayhonnie Slaughter, Taylor Gressett, Jeremy Carson, Tyler Gilmore, Ryan Godwin and Chandler Smith, all of Newton County; Krissy Winstead, Union; Kara Miller,Newton Academy; Turner Stevens, Leake Central; and Sam Lovorn, Neshoba Central.

The Ac'cents perform for various civic clubs, schools and other organizations throughout the five-county district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

For more information, contact Blaylock at 601-635-6225. The e-mail address is vblaylock@eccc.edu.

ECCC Cheer Squad Announced for 2012-13

Cheerleaders were recently selected for 2012-13 at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced sponsor Huellen Watson.

Cheer Squad members and their respective high schools include Darrin Hillman, Sebastopol; Austin Flake and Lindsey McCool, both of Winston Academy; Mary Margaret Bailey, Philadelphia; Erica Clark, Neshoba Central; Madison Herrington, Union; Payton Smith, Scott Central; and David Williams, Madison Stringer, Heather Johnson, Alex Hollingsworth, Lindsey Ezelle, Lauren Ezelle and Jordyn Landry, all of Newton County.

Maxwell Parker of Noxapater was selected Warrior Chief mascot.

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ECCC Culinary Course Offers Various Career Options

Love to cook? Is baking a favorite past time? Ever wonder how a restaurant makes that special sauce? Perhaps your future includes a career in culinary arts! East Central Community College in Decatur began offering a degree in Culinary Arts in 2007 and more recently moved into a new kitchen on the South Campus. Alexei Huguley has served as instructor since the program began.

Culinary students (from left) Christopher Tramill of Newton and Sydney Mosley of Shubuta serve dessert during the annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo, which students catered on the Decatur campus.

"We offer a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree and there is a one-year certificate program without the general education requirements (core academics)," Huguley said.

Part-time courses are not typically offered due to most of the courses requiring prerequisites, but part-time is a possibility based on the student's skill level and instructor approval.

Upon completion of the program, Huguley said students are prepared for jobs as prep cooks, line cooks, sous chefs and kitchen supervisors. "Basically anywhere there is a kitchen they should be able to go in above entry level," Huguley said. "Some choose to focus on catering or baking instead."

Students may also obtain certification through the American Culinary Federation, which offers national certification after the student has completed a degree and worked in the field an appropriate time.

Among courses offered are Culinary Principles I and II, Principles of Baking, Garde Manger, International Cuisine, American Regional Cuisine, Food and Beverage Cost Control, Dining Room Management and a host of managerial courses to learn how to manage and operate a kitchen and its employees.

Huguley said, "Students also learn skills in sanitation and safety in the kitchen, knife skills, meat fabrication, flavors and flavorings, baking, vegetable and starch prep, pasta, sauces, plating, etc."

In addition to class lectures, Huguley said 90 percent of class time is spent cooking."

"We prepare all local ingredients that are available to us but focus on classic French technique. Typically, we also have several times a semester that we have an opportunity to cater projects on campus."

In addition, students enrolled in the program cater for the general public when school is in session. They also offer cakes, casseroles and other items for purchase.

"Anyone can call or e-mail me for prices, said Huguley. "We can pretty much prepare anything needed and any quantity."

Huguley said the new kitchen on South Campus has been a wonderful addition. "The students love all the extra space and organization. Now we would like to add a smoker and a steamer when possible."

For more information on the Culinary Arts program, contact Huguley at 601-635-6252 or by e-mail at ahuguley@eccc.edu. Prospective students may also contact ECCC Career-Technical counselor Amanda Walton at 601-635-6214 or by e-mail at awalton@eccc.edu.

Welcome! ECCC Athletic Signees/Commitments

(As of May 12, 2012)

Football

Dava'is Shaffer – Louisville
Cashmere Dawson – Leake Central
Martin Johnson – Nanih Waiya
Wesley Smith – Morton
Tyler Hatch – Southaven
Donnie Farmer – Harrison Central
Chris Rice – Southaven
Issac Brown – Pearl
Ben Hodges – Pearl
James Booth – Harrison Central
Darius Petty – New Hope
Daniel Gregory – New Hope
James Clark – Laurel
Toriante Hinton – Provine
Tevin McInnis – Laurel
Blake Roberts – Petal
Jamie Gomez – Harrison Central
Joseph Reeves – New Hope
Jeff Johnson – Southaven
Blake Graves – Presbyterian Christian School
Daniel Myrick – Northwest Rankin
Jordan Grayson – Lawrence County
Zach Thigpen – Laurel
Seth McDonald – West Jones
Marcus Knighton – Laurel
Chris Applewhite – Laurel
Robert Ducksworth – Oak Grove
Randolyn Smith – Southaven
Austin Franklin – Petal
Gaither Madison – Williamson (Mobile, Ala.)
Colton Kane – Navarre (Pensacola, Fla.)
Kyron Samuel – Fairhope (Ala.)
Bart Whigham – Northview (Dothan, Ala.)
Mike Todd – Apopka (Apopka, Fla.)
Martaze Jackson – Demopolis (Demopolis, Ala.)

Softball

Amber McBroom – Brandon High School
Morgan Porter – Enterprise
Malauri Robinson – Enterprise
Casey Cherry – Union
Hayley Stephens – Union
Tori Holsen – Union
Kaylin Hoskins – Louisville
Kristen Chipley – Leake Academy
Ty Buckley – Neshoba Central
Lindsey Beard – Clarkdale
Laken Fulcher – Nanih Waiya

Baseball

Maxwell Harmon - Enterprise
Ty Hendrix - East Webster
Drew Freeman - Clarkdale
Dustin McCrory - Morton
Cody Sartin - Magee
Franklin Hayes - Magee
Chase Domino - Fairhope (Ala.)
Rusty Cochran - George County
Jake Bush - Brookwood (Ala.)
Mason Woodrow - Taylorsville
Nat Dickens - Canton Academy
Caleb Woods - Leake Central

Tennis

TBA

Golf

Aaron Tucker – Leake Central
Taylor York – Choctaw Central

Women's Basketball

Tanihhija Hughes – Forest
Taylor Brister – Lawrence County
Mary Margaret McLaurin-Lawrence County

Men's Basketball

Jamere Eichelberger – Louisville
Jeremy Boggan – Forest
DeMarcus Clayton – Bay Springs

Women's Soccer

Mackenzie Britt – Florence
Morgan Luke – Newton County
Jade Stockstill – Newton County
Heather Johnson – Newton County
Kelsey Bounds – Newton County
Katie Weir – Clarkdale
Sydney Dawkins – Clarkdale
Kennedy Castleberry – Clarkdale
Bailey McElroy – Clarkdale
Paige Gower – Clarkdale
Claire Milling – West Lauderdale
Destiney Tomaasich – West Harrison
Miranda Clark – Neshoba Cental

Men's Soccer

Russ Thompson – Newton County
Will Thompson – Newton County
Jesse Vaughn – Newton County
Jordan Walker – Newton County
Kennon Craft – Clinton
Garrett Blevins – Harrison Central
Matt Taylor – Clarkdale
Jesus Onofre – Forest
Forest Muller – Hahnville HS, Luling, La.
David Williams – Newton County
Ryan Artman – Grenada
Clint McGraw – Tupelo Christian Academy
Taylor Potter – MS School for Math and Science
Ronnie Tisdale – Pascagoula

Centralettes Chosen for 2012-13

Members of the East Central Community College Centralettes were recently chosen following auditions on the Decatur campus.

Those selected and their respective high schools include:

Hillary Williams and Lauren Daniels, both of Neshoba Central; Kenya Hickman and Abbie Smith, both of Louisville; Lauren Shimfessel and Kara Miller, both of Newton Academy; Ashley Milner, Pillow Academy; Kasey Logan, Lake; Tori McInnis and Emma Burton, both of Union; Emilee Cox and Kelsey Cox, both of Forest; Kendall Taylor, Central Academy; Brooke Massey, Winston Academy; Kara Beth Johnson, Morton; Emily Gully, Sylva Bay Academy; Kayla Covington, Nanih Waiya; and Taylor Gressett, Jayohnnie Slaughter, Samantha Ellingburg, Caitlyn Sant and Hannah Farmer, all of Newton County.

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ECCC Phi Theta Kappa Inductees

These East Central Community College students were inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year students, during the annual spring semester ceremony held April 10, 2012, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. New members of the prestigious organization and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Ed Boudreaux, Decatur; Bobbi Schwebel, Philadelphia; Megan Everett, Lake; Jessica Barnett, Forest; Olivia Potter, Madison; Shelby Parkman, Raleigh; Amanda Williamson, Lake; Leighanne Wright, Little Rock; Axie Jones, Decatur; Holli Nutt, Morton; Lauren Daniels, Philadelphia; Hannah Farmer, Newton; Lacie Sessums, Lena; Brittany Smith, Decatur; and Charles E. Curry, Jr., Newton; (second row, from left) Pheanice Hamm-Brown, Lake; Sara Schwebel, Philadelphia; Tarra Gibson and Hannah Cade, both of Collinsville; Madeline Potter, Flora; Emily Marler, Morton; Alex Weir, Philadelphia; Shamiski Collier, Philadelphia; Sandy Alexander, Duffee; Alex Stuart and Ally Loper, both of Philadelphia; Meghan Johnson, Lena; Carrie McLemore, Philadelphia; Debbie Williams, Newton; and Tiffany Smith and Holly Jones, both of Union; (third row, from left) Devyn Hughes, Lake; Tanner Fortenberry, Union; Jacob Emmons, Lake; Matthew Brown, Decatur; Jacob Wiggs and Chesney Spence, both of Philadelphia; Shelby Johnston, Lena; Claire Griffin, Decatur; Taylor Potter, Bentonia; Allison Perry and Brittany Boatner, both of Philadelphia; Johnny Kight, Louisville; and James Savage, Jr. and Terrance Steele, both of Philadelphia; and (fourth row, from left) Tyler Gilmore, Sebastopol; Jeremy Carson and Tyler Reeves, both of Decatur; Chase Gaddis, Forest; Jessie Armstrong, Collinsville; Julien Gillis, Hickory; Darin Hillman, Conehatta; William Meruvia, Philadelphia; Cain Prestage, Carthage; Andrew Hanna, Union; Lucas Calvert, Louisville; Jordan Clearman, Dylan Sparnecht and Ethan Pendergrass, all of Philadelphia; Blake Cochran, Hickory; and Kalik May, Northport, Ala. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2,000,000 members and 1,200 chapters located in 50 United States, U.S. territories, Canada and Germany. Biology instructor Curt Skipper and career-technical counselor Amanda Walton serve as Theta Xi advisers.

ECCC Players Present 'Little Shop of Horrors'

Clint Reynolds of Philadelphia, in the role of Orin, performs "Dentist" in this scene from the East Central Community College Players' production of Little Shop of Horrors. Also pictured are Claire Griffin of Decatur and Megan Dollar of Union. The spring musical selection was presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29 through Saturday, March 31, in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Stacey Pollock serves as director. For more information, contact Pollock at 601-635-6236. The e-mail address is spollock@eccc.edu.

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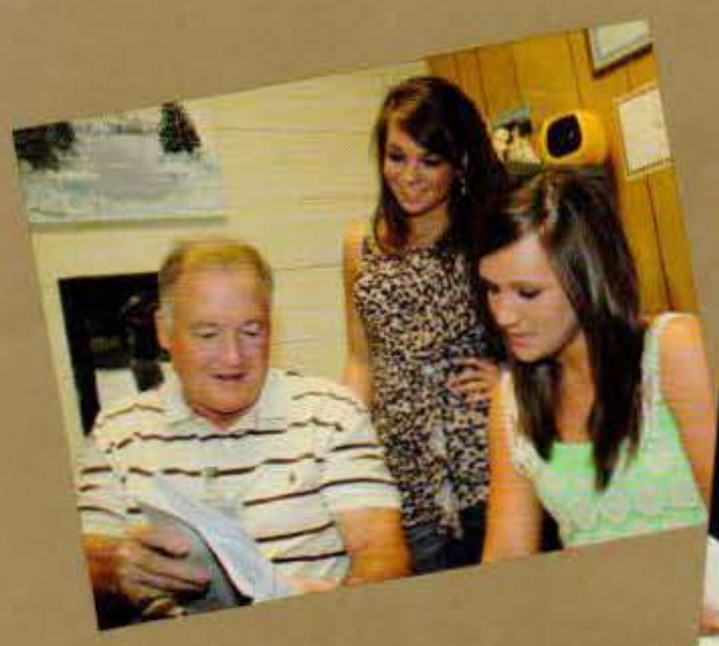
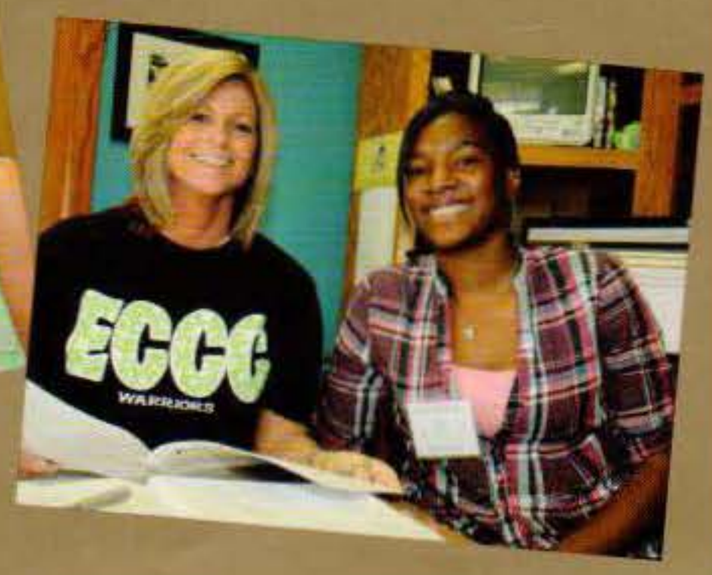
Registration Checklist

(Should Be Completed Prior to Attending Orientation)
*Complete the ECCC Application for Admission
*Send ACT or COMPASS scores to ECCC
*Send High School/College transcripts to ECCC
*Apply for Housing
*Apply for Financial Aid

Orientation Checklist

(To Be Completed During Orientation Session)
*Complete Fall Class Schedule
*Make Student ID Photo (Also used for College Yearbook)
*Apply for Parking Decal (Needed for all students bringing cars to campus; Must have tag number and $10 fee)
*Complete Online Orientation





Summer Orientations

Saturday, June 2
Friday, June 22
Friday, July 13
Friday, August 3

Begin the process anytime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Smith Student Union Building

Fall Classes Begin Thursday, Aug. 16